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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

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Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC

Im writing to respectfully request that the FCC reject the United States Telecom Associations petition to end non-discriminatory rate-setting requirements per Section 251 of the Communications Act for unbundled broadband infrastructure.

If the petition of the US Telecom Assoc is granted, it will have a very negative effect on expanding broadband to rural, semi-rural and other areas that the major carriers do not wish to serve. It will also allow for unfair subscriber rate hikes in these areas if service has already been established.

I live in a rural area and it has taken years for a group of area residents to help bring broadband service here. I am 71 years old and very much dependent on broadband to be connected to the world. Because of our rural location, which is heavily forested as well as remote, it has been difficult to obtain even rudimentary service by means of satellite internet. Anything that makes our broadband service more tenuous is not good for the community.

Please reject the US Telecom Assoc. petition.

Thank you,

Michael McLain